GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4232
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2001
DEVOLUTION OF POWERS TO STATES
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering to grant special powers to Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government regarding devolution of powers to the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): No such proposal is under consideration. However the Government is of the view that though the resolution passed byJ&K Assembly has not been accepted, yet the matters, if any, on which the State Government feels that there should be greater powers with the State and that with such greater powers, they would be able to serve the people of J&K better, then Government of India would be willing to consider it.

(c)&(d): The Government of India had set up the Sarkaria Commission to go into the issue of Centre-State relations. Its recommendations aim at developing harmonious Centre-State relations and are being considered by the Inter-State Council, which have all Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of the Union Territories as Members. Out of the 247 recommendations, a view has been taken on 171 recommendations. 95 of these have since been implemented, 16 have been rejected and 60 are under implementation by States and Central Ministries.